County Court.

# J. H. Stuart, judge; T. E. George, clerk. Terms of court—Tuesday after 3d Monday

Officers. Jno. T. Barns,......Com'
Jno. W. Crockett,.... ... Com'th, Atty. .. Deputy Sheriff. James Bandy, .... R. K. Gillespie. G. McCall....

...County Surveyor, R. S. Williams, Address, Pounding Mill, Va. Address, Snapps, Va.

# THE CHURCHES.

days of the month at 11 a. m. and Sp. m. | 1581, and has for over three centuries been | erate speed and gun power, unmarked for

Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 M. A hearty welcome is extended to all.
REV. W. D. BUCKNER,
Rector.

Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Public worship of God on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 A. M., on the 2nd and 4th at 7:30 P. M.

4th at 7:30 P. M.
Meeting for prayer, Wednesday at 7:30.
P. M. Sabbath School at 9:30 P. M. A most cordial welcome is extended to all.

ISAAC P. MARTIN, Pastor.

Baptist Church Services.

m., and on 1st and 3d Sundays at 7:30 p. p. m.; Missionary Society 2d and 4th Sun | 000 in all, Louis Philippe was willing enough | rapid-fire guns. days at 4 p. m. All are invited to attend. to pay the price for Cuba, but objected to The simple or unprotected cruiser, in Strangers welcome. W. C. Foster,

Lutheran Church. Services at the Lutheran church at North Tazewell every 1st and 3d Sunday at 11 a.

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O'KEEFFE ROYAL

Meets second Monday in each H. W. O'KEEFFE, H. P. W. G. YOUNG,

ARCH CHAPTER

NO. 26.

blackened fragments.

war be borne by the rich.

with this comment:

rich man's pocket-book.

value money higher than life.

We repeat that this spirit of Commun

that a bad omen?"

Worse Than War.

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NO. 62, A. F. & A. M.
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Lodge, No. 142.

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Queen Maria Christina Offered It, With How Cruisers Differ and the Purposes Porto Rico and Philippines.

WHEN CUBA WAS FOR SALE.

For Which Designed. It is one of those curious coincidences of R. G. Skerrett writes to the Cleveland the American Asiatic squadron should have us, it is becoming that everyone should the natives of Zebu. The Philippines each. named in honor of Philip II, were dis- Of the battleship and monitor nearly voyagers, Fernando de Magalhaes, (Magel- too, of the torpedo boat; but of the three ria, after the first circumnavigation of the general knowledge.

..Treasurer. globe, returned to the Spanish port its new | The term cruiser used to apply, in the captain brought tidings not only of Patago- days of saling ships, to the frigates—the the latter being preferable. Within the Type of all children, there was she, nia and Magellan straits, but also of Ma- type next most formidable to the old line gellan's battle with the chief of the Isle of of battleships-and was intended to com-P. H. Williams,.....County Supt. Schools, Matan, and his burial on the shores of pass the speedier of the heavy fighting Spain's new empire in the Pacific ocean. craft delegated to the particular service of Ferdinand, of glorious memory, had in- hunting up the enemy or preying upon spired Magelian's great exploit. Already his commerce, and, with certain techni-Cortes had invaded the golden realm of cal modifications, practically all of our STRAS MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Montezuma, and Pizarro had followed in large swift, unarmored vessels of the late Balboa's footsteps and overthrown the dy- war were so classified. The gunboat was Divine Service-First and Third Sun nasty of the Incas. Manila was built in then, and now is, the small vessel of mod-Holy Communion-First Sunday at 11 the seat of Spanish government. But te- special service by any particular charac nacious as her hold upon the Philippines teristics of either offense or defense.

CLASSES OF WARSHIPS.

and Cuba has been, (last relics of her once | With us the gunboat has a maximum world empire) Spain came near parting displacement or total weight of something with both these possessions during this just over 1,770 tons and a minimum of century. Queen Maria Christina-not the 830 tons, the Castine and Machias rep present widow of Alfonso XII, but the wife resenting the major extreme and the litof Ferdinand VII—was noted for her greed. the Brancroft representing the minor ex-On her succession to the throne she found treme. Of the simple and unprotected the Spanish treasury so depleted that she cruiser type we have three- the Detreit, schemed to sell both the Philippines and Marblehead and Montgomery-each of Caba to France. She forced Senor Cam- a trifle over 2,000 tons displacement. Meeting of Epworth League each Mon-ay night at 7:30., the third Monday inglorious project—a mission that was expuzano to undertake the execution of the When these vessels were first designed night of each month being devoted to tremely distasteful to his Spanish pride, but the department wisely saw that a limit When he opened Christina's proposition to must be drawn somewhere, and, placing Louis Philippe the proud don struck the the gunboat limit of size to craft under 2, table a heavy blow and muttered a curse. 900 tons, the three vessels at once became The queen proposed to hand over to the dignified as cruisers. Besides their prom Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 a. French king the I-land of Cuba for 30, ised speed and their fulfillment in reaching preaching 1st and 4th Sundays at 11 a. 000,000 reals, (about \$3,000,000), and the ing over eighteen knots reasonably made Philippines and Porto Rico for 10,000,000 them deserving of the title in conjunction m.; prayer meeting every Thursday at 7:30 reals, (about \$1,000,000) or some \$4,000, with their pretty heavy batteries of the

> the sum asked for the Philippines. "Seven common even with gunboats has no promillions of reals is my offer," he remarked, tection in the shape of armor for her "or else the contract must be thrown into "vitals," as her engines, her boilers and the fire." Talleyrand, who was present, her magazines are called. She has a water was about to remonstrate, but as he tight deck, though of moderate plating, stretched forth his band to take the queen's which extends from side to side and from paper Campuzane leaped to his feet, seized | bow to stern, completely roofing over the the contract, crumpled it in his hands, and "vitals." While not proof against modern exclaimed: "Your majesty is right! The shot, this deck prevents the admission of contract is worthless, only fit to be thrown water below which may come in through into the fire." And with these words he breaks in the plating above this deck, and flung the paper upon the fire and best the in that materially aids in preserving the flaming document with the tongs into stability of the craft if pierced by shell just above the water line, but near enough to admit water in careening. So far as possible coal is placed upon this deck and against the sides as a bulwark against the attack of an enemy, and while the coal remains there it forms a good defense to Some time ago we made mention of the guns ranging from one pounders to six fact that those who had clamored for the pounds. The armored shield borne by war and who were responsible for the war some of the guns or the armor plates were demanding that the expense of the about some of the guns is not considered protection to the craft itself, and while The Weekly Register, published at either may be present on a simple cruiser

make her an unprotected cruiser. "Why not make the rich bear the heav- The protected cruiser is the next adest financial burden of war? The poor, vance upon the simple cruiser. Here, or working class, must furnish the lives, again, we have a water tight deck, but and is it not enough that the wives and this time it is supplemented by a coat of children of the poor be deprived of their mail and many range on the flat portion only support without having a burden from one inch to two and one half inches, Henry of Prussia attended a ball given in a day or two in having or the rush of woice, while the gray eyes met his rather being a burden from one inch to two and one half inches, Henry of Prussia attended a ball given in a day or two in having or the rush of woice, while the gray eyes met his rather being a burden from one inch to two and one half inches, Henry of Prussia attended a ball given in a day or two in having or the rush of woice, while the gray eyes met his rather being a burden from one inch to two and one half inches, the standard of the rush of woice, while the gray eyes met his rather being a burden from one inch to two and one half inches, the standard of the rush of the placed on any of the necessaries of life? and varying on the slopes on the sides his honor and received gold and jade art spring's work. Wall-street speculators will do enough of from one and one-half to four and threethis without the Government taking a quarter inches. This armor presents a hand. So long as only such commodities deflective front to shot passing through as beer, tobacco and the like are taxed, it the sides and threatening the magazines will not effect the almost penniless women and the motive power, and, of course, and children, but our people should never gives the vessel the power of standing up the insect world for unique substances. failed to come forward to escort them life? All the wide, white beauty of submit to a tax on necessaries to save the before craft capable of dealing out cer- For many years the cochineal or cactus to ball or party; and many unwelcome the odorous, moonlit night seemed to And right here is another phase of the Again the coal is stowed along the sides portant red dye until practically supersedsituation, which we refer to without the above and below the water tight and pro- ed by the introduction of aniline dyes. it had always been said that he was cer- ness. "Mis' Warner," he said, huskily, slightest degree of prejudice to the North- tective deck, and a new defense, in the A single species of lac insect produces tainly "cut out for an old bach. He's a "will you have me? I ain't no great letter," the friend replied, "but what on ern people, and which would seem worthy shape of a band of cellulose, stands ready practically all the shellac stick and button good, clever fellow, but he ain't got no shakes, but I'll al'ays be good t'yeh." of much consideration. It is this: The to take the first shock of attack and to lac of commerce. In Southwestern Asia of much consideration. It is this: The to take the first shock of attack and to lac of commerce. In Southwestern Asia Southern States will be the heaviest sufplug automatically by its own swelling the crossote bushes are the breeding emotionless as it was, had nevertheless you'd ever thought t'ask me, if I hadn't ferers from a disastrous war, both in life all shot holes admitting water. Of course ground of enormous quantities of a lac been full of quiet romance and smothand property, as it is expected that more it is not proof against explosive shells, insect, the commercial possibilities of ered heartache. At 20 he had woodd

than the North, and besides the fighting through it.

Why " must the poor or working class three to four inches on her sides just above inexhaustible. furnish the lives?" Does the law make this heavy belt. This water-line armor is distinctions? Is there any compulsion placed amidships and reaches fore and aft whatever upon the poor man that is not throughout the region occupied by the vi- What did you say to papa?"

upon the rich man? But such is the rea- tals. As can be seen, the armored cruiser soning of the Communists. They are is a larger and heavier protected version of thing. forever trying to make it appear that the the protected cruiser, and, again, able to Whazewell, Va. Practices in the courts of Taze well and adjoining counties and in the Supreme Court of Appeals at Wytheville. Particula, attention paid to the collection of claims. Office—favor of the rich man, and a novice readtrus building. newspaper would be sure to get the im- speed-in case of the two vessels named is getting up, and told me to report for pression that the Government in time of fully twenty-one knots,—and she is as the duty tomorrow morning.—Cleveland Plain war drafted poor men into the army while old wooden frigate was, the next most Dealer. formidable craft to the battleship. In Tazewell, Va. Will practice in the courts of Pazewell and adjoining counties. Particular attention paid to the collection of claims. Office in Stras building.

In point of fact, no draft has been made. buttle she may take her place in the line and bear with the slower, but more power-stras building. In point of fact, no draft has been made. battle she may take her place in the line Your friends may smile volunteers, and no man has been compeil-W B. SPRATT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Riched to erlist. Those who have enlisted but her special service will be to look up have done so on their own free will and the enemy's armored cruisers—not battleaccord, and we venture the assertion that ships—or the larger of her protected cruis-

what is known as the rich class has consurance of victory. The armored cruiser is the cavalryman of the sea, and to them will fall that service demanding dash, force and quickness of ism, this determined effort from a certain execution.

source to array class against class, to pre-The protected cruiser is really the comjudice the poor man against the rich man, merce destroyer, and is conted with just enough mail to give her a preponderance and organize the discontented element, to of defense over the armed escort probably use the war as an excuse for breaking detailed to watch over an enemy's merchant craft. Swift, of considerable gun power and of great ease of movement, she ous to the welfare of the United States is indeed to be dreaded by everything but than any war that we may have with a craft of ample speed, fine protection and

The simple cruiser falls in behind the protected cruiser in the same line of service; but she must be wary lest her quarry "Here's an egg with two yolks; isn't be a merchantman of gun power or be con-"No; that doesn't mean anything; it's voyed by a sturdy craft of speed and supejust a 'yellow extra.' "-Chicago Record, rior battery.

NEW DYNAMITE GUNS.

The Latest Devices For Throwing Shells My next door neighbor's little girl, Loaded With High Explosives.

The newest type of dynamite gun conists of two tubes placed directly one above Then said her mamma: "Here, indoors, in April, 4th Monday in August and 1st history, says the Philadelphia Record, that Leader as follows: Now that war is upon the other, whereas in the old type there the sunshine doesn't come to history, says the Philadelphia Record, that Leader as follows: Now that war is upon the other, whereas in the old type there to have and bless and gladden them, are three tubes placed side by side in the old type there. are three tubes placed side by side in the begun its move upon the Philippine Isles have a fair understanding of the types of same horizontal plane. The climination Next morning when she went to seek anniversary of Magellan's fatal battle with too, something of the duty cut out for the weight of the gun and at the same the natives of Zebu. The Philippines each. creased. It is said that the gun can be covered by the greatest of the Spanish born every one has a proper conception, and, fired at least five times in two minutes.

Of the two tubes the upper is several lan), in 1521. When his ship, the Victo- types of cruisers there is only confused feet the longer and is smooth bore. It re And she, her cup still held aloftceives the projectile, and the material used in its construction is either brass or steel, lower tube there is an inner tube in which the blank cartridge containing several ounces of smokeless powder is placed. The inner tube opens into the lower tube, which in turn opens into the upper tube through a port immediately behind the projectile. When the projectile is placed in the upper tube and the blank cartridge in the lower, the breeches are closed and the gun is ready for firing. The pulling of the lanyard explodes the smokeless powder, which compresses the air in the tube, and this, passing into the upper tube through the port, exerts there a pressure of 3,000 pounds to the square inch. This pressure expels the projectile. The air forms a cushion that protects from shock the walls of the shell, and, it is claimed, obviates the danger which would follow from the concussion of the powder were it exploded directly behind the projectiles. The entire length of the projectile used is thirty-four inches. This includes a tail

siece about ten inches in length and fitted olosive may be used. The ignition is efball, acting as a hammer, is driven forflight of the shell and strikes one or more projectile passes through the air the blades ward and explode the primers.

Welch, W. Va., reproduces our remarks the fact that her vitals remain undefended not be heard at the distance of one half gun .- New York Sun.

works valued at \$15,000.

Aid from Insects. In several cases industry is indebted to men will be sent to Cuba from the South which may displace it rather than pass which have not yet been developed. A a gentle, dove-eyed girl, who favored species of scale insects in China yields a his suit, in spite of her parents' warnis to be done along or near the Southern Of the protected craiser type the Olym- pure white wax of great value and raity. ings. "He never'll be nothin' nor no coast where the cities and towns are prob- pia is by long odds the most typical vessel The Chinese wax is said to have ten times body, an' you'll al'ays be poor," they ably less protected than those of the North. in our service. Aside from her hull pro- the illuminating power of other waxes. he's too slack." But she loved him and To place a tax on incomes will fall beave tection, the guns of her main battery, four It is a beautiful substance, resembling promised to marry him. The next sumiest on the North, as there, are far less eight-inch guns, are mounted in two tur- beeswax more than vegetable wax in its mer she faded quickly away with conpeople in the South who have incomes rets, an all-around shelter unequalled by chemical composition, and is clear white sumption and dropped out of his life, sufficient to be reached by an income tax any ship of like class and size in the world, in color. Now a discovery which promi- with all the bright hopes he had built law. Therefore, we can see no injustice in and some notion of what this and the other ses to be of great economic value comes about her. making the rich bear the tax burden, as phases of this 5,800 ton ship's defensive from Mesa Grando, Cal. The vegetation Elias made no sign of grief or disapit only tends to even up matters in the qualities constitute may be gathered when in this district is infested with an insect pointment. He kept up the integral in the qualities constitute may be gathered when in this district is infested with an insect pointment. all round cost of war, unless we are to it is realized that she could stand up and which on being removed from the twigs drawled out slow jokes in his half-mergive a good account of herself against ei- of oak on which it thrives and compressed You can count on your fingers all those ther the British Powerful or Terrible- in quantities by the hand, becomes a soon forgot that he had ever thought of who will be reached by an income tax ships of over 14,000 tons displacement. | more or less pliable lump, somewhat re- "gettin" married." who will volunteer to fight, while there The armored cruiser, represented in our sembling rubber, but not possessing the A few years later he began to "keep will be thousands of heads of dependent service by the New York and the Brooklyn same elasticity. Part of it has been provempany" with the young daughter of families sacrificed on the field of battle in is the protected cruises bettered by slightly ed by chemical analysis to be a true wax a prosperous farmer. She was bright, defence of our country's honor, and yet heavier amor on her protective deck, and part resembles rubber in its physical the Government is asked to protect the slightly heavier armor about her turreted properties. The product is equally interrich man's purse from taxa'ion. Then guns and the presence of a band of water esting from a chemical and industrial line vertical armor and plating of from point of view, and the supply is well-nigh

"He didn't give me a chance to say any

"Didn't you ask him for my hand?" "I teil you he didn't give me a chance." "What did he do?"

"He just enlisted me in the company he

But that tired feeling Means danger. It Indicates impoverished And impure blood. This condition may Lead to serious illness. It should be promptly Overcome by taking

Hood's Sarsaparilla, Which purifies and Enriches the blood, Strengthens the nerves, Tones the stomach, Creates an appetite,

And builds up, Energizes and vitalizes The whole system. Be sure to get Only Hood's. CATCHING SUNSHINE.

A cunning two-year-old, Wondered one day why droop'd her flowers, And pleaded to be told.

And make them feel at home.

Above her pretty head.
"What are you doing, Lolo, dear?"
Mamma, astonished, said.

Bless her, ye Heavenly powers!—
"I'm catching sunshine, mamma, dear, To give my 'ittle f'ewers." Who in life's garden stand till holding tenderly aloft Still holding tenderly aloft Their life cup in their hands.

We, buried in our sordid cares, Are plants that droop and die; They catch God's sunshine as its flows Forever from on high.

Upon our weary, aching hearts They let its blessing fall; Their office this in every land, In cottage, but and hall. And so the world is kept alive, By the dear grace that overflows-The children who are in it. Rev. J. W. Chadwick, in Boston Budget.

## THE LOVE OF ... ... A LONELY LIFE.

By Adelaide D. Reynolds. -----

fected by means of a mechanical fuse, and laid out with careful exactness as to min'ter." it is so arranged that the explosion can shape and size beneath the sunny south on the stan' it now.

One mild June night he sat on the stan' it now.

N. Y. Ledger. follow immediately upon impact or may windows. The fragrance from banks doorstep, thinking somewhat bitterly

cating with the fulminate of mercury, and with dried lavender, matched her sur- tender, gray eyes.

revolve, and in revolving unscrew the look, and listless, drooping shouldess; in the first dainty flush of her womanthreaded rod, and thus release the small his gait was lounging and awkward, hood she had begun "keepin' comotone; but his eyes were warm and two later Green had suddenly left for there is neither smoke nor noise. It canmile, nor can any smoke be seen. Thus it some girl a mighty good husbun' if he farm near by. would be nearly impossible for sharp- only had a little more vim." He had "Wal, yes, I be lonesome," drawled is a newspaper man who is connected with shooters or rapid-fire gunners to locate the drifted on in life in an easy, aimless | Elias, slowly, lifting his blue eyes full one of the New Orleans dailies: way, tending his mother's garden, car- to hers; "terrible lonesome. I can't ing for her horse, cow, pig and chick- stan' it much longer." While in Shanghai, China, Prince ens. and occasionally working out for "It's ridic'lous," went on the soft

He attended all the social happen ings of the place. The young people all treated him with the familiar confi-take the meaning of her eyes and the lining felt the long-lost missive. Condence one feels in a brother. He made words. Was it possible that this sweetfor the girls a willing and delightful voiced little woman would be willing date or remembering when the letter had "second fiddle," when favored beaux to gladden the rest of his poor, empty tain destruction to the simple cruiser. scale plant was used as the basis of an im- attentions were turned aside by the ac- creep into his very soul at the thought. commodating devotion of Elias. Yet He took her hand with tremulous eager

His life, cor monplace and seemingly argued; "he's a good feller enough, but

and languid industry of his life, and ry, half-weary way, as usual. People

vivacious and well educated, and she had ambitious plans for her future. Everyone wondered that she should fancy slow, shiftless, obscure Elias Thurber. She would have married him at once, but her parents, who knew their willful daughter too well to for-"Good gracious, George, how you look! bid the marriage, urged that she was too young and should wait a few years. They craftily extolled Elias' good qualties. "He ain't got no bad habits, an' e's got an awful good disposition. Of ourse, he'll never set the Connecticut iver nfire; but, for all that, he'll make er a good, kind husbun'," they would

She soon went away to her studies, and a year later she married a rich man little letter, with tears and heartaches lieves that they are his best efforts. rom a distant city whom she had met bile visiting a friend.

So Elias had a second disappointment, and he bore it, as he had the first, with no outward sign of suffering. The But I am awful happy for Martin Green

and desires that he himself scarcely you. realized. More than anything else, he wanted a home of his own, with a wife looking vacantly at the letter. His blue seemed to work against it.

convenient material at hand. He was on, in the lonely, miserable old way,

an old bach.' and with scornful lips, "p'r'aps you'll formerly been to him. proved of the city girl.

hold no new happiness for him. He it uninteresting again. must be content with what he had. And He felt half vexed at the puzzle withso his mother and the little home be- in himself. It seemed to him like a kind slipped uneventfully by, until he was utterly crushed and miserable. So he and he learned what loneliness was. felt obliged to do, since his mother died. actual pain upon his senses.

have lost its motive power. Nobody He went to his bedroom, got his new cared now what time he got up in the clothes and carried them up to the attic, morning or how many days he worked where he carefully put them away in at the early plowing. He could be as a chest. "Guess my blue clo'es' an-"shif'less" as he liked. The thought swer a spell longer. I was tryin' to be PRIM little house, discreetly aloof But he struggled on stubbornly with smile. Then he took his old straw hat A from the dusty road of a Vermont his new duties and responsibilities; he and went to the barn to do the chores. own-this was the home of the Widow did the housework with scrupulous with a vane set at an angle that insures a Thurber, and it faithfully reflected the care, and laid out the flower beds acslow rotation. The body of the shell is a character of its owner. The white clapboards and green blinds of the house lished rules. But his brow was twistrass cylinder having a conical nead con-tining a fuse. The main body of the shell were always as glaringly immaculate ed in a continuous scowl, and once he she went west. She did read it, and its as fresh paint could make them; and threw down his tools, impatiently, and homely, unselfish tenderness ached in contains usually a charge of explosive geat-tine although gun cotton or any other exgarden. A profusion of sweet, oldgarden fashioned flowers filled the neat beds, as death of doin' things jest as I'm a lold bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I can old bach, an' I'm goin' to be one. I'm goin' to be one.

be delayed for as much as six seconds of sweet peas mingled deliciously with of his lonely life. The honeysuckle Those fond of Irish bulls may find thereafter. When the shell strikes the the aromatic breath of the pine tree above the porch filled the air with personne amusement in the following letwater or any other object, a small steel that stood, a tall, dark captive, in the sum. The pine tree sighed with tenter, which was written by an amorous narrow little front yard, always whis- der sadness. A flood of moonlight falball, acting as a hammer, is driven forward by the sudden retardation of the away forest home.

pering softly and yearningly of its fartered about, scattering quaint, fanciful lady fair:

substitute of the lady fair:

years, not substitute away forest home. The Widow Thurber, with her smooth before him. It was Mrs. Warner, his night and you never came! I'll meet percussion caps, cau-ing a detonation. hair always compactly coiled and her neighbor. She was a slim, little wom- you again to-night whether you come This ignites a tube of powder communicilean, well-starched garments scented an, with a smiling mouth and great, "Good evenin', o explodes successively the gun cotton roundings. She was thrifty and indus- 'Lias," she said, softly; "lonesome, ain't so explodes successively the gun contain trious, a born manager, and she had and the main explosive. The fuse emboridate that's first, why rub it out, darlin', and and positively on kidneys, liver and the main explosive.

the head of the fuse a little vane or wind. dreamy, careless nature will, upon a I thad never of curred to him before that mill, which is fastened to a threaded rod forceful, energetic one. He liked to she might be I nely "over there alone." running back into the head of the fuse far have her "boss him," as he called it, and He had known her from a child, when Me boy Moike's run away and enlisted. It enough to press on the small steel ball scold him into activity. He felt that, they had gone to school together. They mentioned, and hold it in place. As the in this way, he might do his duty in life had always been friends, but he had without mental or meal wear and tear. never dreamed of any closer con-Elias had a yellow, weather-beaten nection between her life and his; for, steel ball, which is now ready to run for- and he spoke in a weary, drawling mon- pany" with Martin Green. A year or In connection with the firing of the gun | blue, and his manner so gentle and kind | the west. He had never returned, and mothers agreed that there was "nothin' rel. Soon afterward she married Silas liere is a new story about the man who bad about 'Lias Thurber, an' he'd make Warner, and had lived ever since on the forgot to mail his wife's letter, says the pass on my premises, for the law against all

in' alone, so unhappy."

She laughed a little, and leaned to-

binted" she said, with gay petulance "Like as not I shouldn't," answered Elias, his lips very close to her earnow; "I al'ays was a plaguey fool."

After the disappointments and final emptiness of his past life, this new romance came to Elias like a dream of Beaven. New hopes, desires and ambilions sprang up within him. There was nothing in life he had ever longed for that might not yet be his. The loves of other years seemed trivial to him now, in the rapture of this great, unsought gift that had come to him after he had ceased to hope for it. He worked briskly and steadily, with an energy he had never shown before. He put aside the threadbare blue suit he had been wearing for best, and bought a new black one. Everybody noticed the change in him.

"Have yeh noticed how 'Lias is sprucin' up since he got to keepin' company with the Widder Warner?" people would ask each other; "I see he's got a new harness, an' had his buggy varnished, an' he's painted the house an' built a new front-yard fence. He's worked like a nigger all summer, an' earnt a lot o' money. I tell yeh, she's smart, an' like as not, she'll make quite a feller outer 'Lias, yet."

The days slipped joyously by. They were to be married in September. It erate States. was late in August, when, one morning a boy brought him a letter from Mrs. Warner. It was the first letter she had rewritten between its lines. Elias spelled it slowly through.

"Dear Ellas: I rite this because I can no outward sign of suffering. The townspeople, who were not used to thinking of him as a man with desires and feeling of his own, but as a very pleasant convenience for themselves, were greatly relieved. "Lias might jest as well make up his mind to be an old bach," they would say, jokingly; "he's jest cut out for one."

But I am awful happy for Martin Green come back yeasterday. I loved him before I marrid Silas, but we had truble and he went West. I never hurd nothin of him and thought he wouldnt ever come back but he has and he wants me. He never has loved any one but me. Ellas forgiv me I love him and I cant marry you now. You are so good and I liked you and pitied you when you was lones with the liasy indifference of his manner were vague hopes and desires that he himself scarcely you. We shall go West to live and I never shall come back hear to malk you fele bad. Good-by. God bless you.

Elias sat motionless for some time,

and children. His mother's trim little eyes looked dull and gray. He was tryhouse was to him an ideal home, and he ing to rally his thought from the chaos district and says that the only consolation knew he meant it always to be his. So, of despair. His hope of happiness was he has yet received is the information that with the wife and children of his broken again, and he felt that it had he is not so persistent as the Maine deledreams, life would be perfect-just a been his last hope. He had thought he gation. happy, drifting along the stream of loved before, and now he knew that this contentment. He was not ready to was the one enduring love of his heart. give up this hope yet, although fate had He pictured to himself her face, with its to erect a monument to the three distingreat, gray, earnest eyes and rings of guished members of the Vernet family-Several years later a city girl came soft, brown hair. There was no other Joseph, marine painter; Carle, painter of to pass the summer months with Mrs. face so sweet and beautiful in the world, horses, and Horace Vernet, the most Warner, his nearest neighbor. She and no other would ever have any famous, who was a painter of battles. loved conquest and admiration, and she charm for him. If he must lose her, The committee numbers many French selected Elias as the most amusing and then he wanted no wife. He must drag artists, Gerome being president.

dazzled by her pretty, laughing ways, a mre so joyless that he would gladly and dainty gowns. He thought she step out of it, altogether. A slow tear must love him very much when she splashed upon his hand. He was crypromised, not only to marry him, but to ing! He started up, ashamed. It was come and live in this quiet town with not the way of his world to parade the him. He was very happy that sum- emotions, even to one's self. That tear mer; but, alas! it was only a fool's para- warned him of his weakness, and dise. Soon after her return to the city aroused the sturdy manhood that slept she wrote him that she could not marry within him. He resolutely put away him, as her parents utterly forbade it. the pieces of his pretty, golden dream The letter was very sad, and sweet, and and bravely faced the future. Then he tenderly regretful, but, reading it, was surprised at its aspect. Not a Elias felt that she did not wish to marry | blank, as he had thought it would be, him. He realized that his happiness nor a weary succession of unmeaning had been but a season's amusement for events. His heart thrilled with tender He read the letter to his mother, sympathy for all humanity, and a hunand then said, dryly: "I guess I better dred new interests arose in his mind. make up my min' to settle down an' be He could not understand why, now that he had lost his happiness, life should not "Wal," observed his mother, grimly, once more look as undesirable as it had

be jest as well off." She had never ap- But love, the beautifier, had crept into his soul, and was looking through his After this Elias felt that life was to eyes at the world. He would neverfind

came more and more to him. The years of disloyalty to his love that he was not The next spring his mother died, scolded himself, as he had often

Other springs, he remembered, had "What a fool I be!" he muttered, sebeen tumultuous with glad, new life; verely. "I was jest cut out for an old insects, birds and animals had filled the bach, anybody can see that, an' here air with cheery noises; but now he was I've been all my life tryin' to get maronly conscious of a sad, suffocating si- ried in spite o' fate. An' now, when L lence, which sometimes pressed with find out, for the fourth time, I can't' I'm silly enough to blubber. I better The responsibility of his position, let the women folks be, now, I guess, too, appalled him. His life seemed to an' mind my own business."

was a constant prick to his conscience. too smart," he muttered, with a grim And yet, before he slept that night

swain, native of the Emerald Isle, to his

silhouettes. Suddenly a woman stood My Darlin' Peggy: I met you last or whether you stop away. If I'm there first, sure I'll write my name on the gate to tell you of it, and if it's you dies a device which renders the shell inactive until it has traveled at least three hundred feet from the gun. This device is very ingenious. There is attached to

> O'Rourke-Oh. Dinnis, me heart's broke was the foightin' blood in him. McIntyre-Well, phat's the use worryin'

Pat? Oi always tould yez the boy took after his mother. When the police arrived both were disabled-Chicago News.

### Once More, the Unmailed Letter,

Here is a new story about the man who New Orleans Times-Democrat. The hero such will be rigidly enforced. Something over two years ago, on a cold

Winter's day, his wife gave him a letter to mail, and he slipped it into his overcoat timidly, "that both of us should be liv-Los Angeles. Two weeks ago, during a Tazewell Female Seminary is for sale. It Slow as Elias was, he could not mis- chilly snap be put on the overcoat, and in is a new and large building and located on been given him, he rushed off and posted 1.27-tf. it. It was when the reply came from the friend in Los Angeles that the secret was out. The friend thought the writer must have gone crazy. "I was glad to get your earth is the matter with you? You wrote of things that happened two years ago and about nothing else."

It took sometime to get matters straight-

# PERSONAL MENTION.

Two locks of hair once belonging to Jefferson Davis were recently on exhibition at the Confederate bazaar in Baltimore.

Captain Davidson, who died in New Zealand not long ago, was a member of .36 p. m. daily and 2.39 p. m. daily exthe relief expidition sent in search of Sir John Franklin and his companions. The wife of Maximo Gomez was Miss 1.30 a. m. daily and 10.55 a. m. daily ex-

Pink Martin, of Nail's Creek, Tenn. Her cept Sunday. widowed mother went to Havana after the war because her brother was in business there. Dr. Mavrogenis, 100 years of age, who is now living in Greece with a sister ten years older than himself, is the last sur-

war of independence. Miss Maude Stephens, who unveiled a monument to the memory of Confederate privates in Crawfordville, Ga., the other day, is the grandniece of Alexander H. Stephens, Vice-President of the Confed-

vivor of the men who fought in the Greek

Charles Dana Gilsson, the artist, has concluded his Winter's sojourn in Egypt and his gone for a time to Vienna. He thing unusual had happened. It was a says that he has thoroughly enjoyed his Pullman Vestibuled Coaches, pitiful, dejected, blotted and misspelled work on his Egyptian pictures and be-

Jorquin Moreno, Minister Woodford's NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILROAD clerk, whom the Spaniards tried to detain in Spain, was born in the penal colony at Ceura. His father had been sent there for life because of his active republicanism and his sweetheart followed and married him there.

Secretary Long still owns the old family property in Buckfield, Me., and recently he sent to the post office in that place large photographs of the Maine and the Nezinscot, a boat named after the little river which runs through Buckfield. Senator Pasco, of Florida, has recently

Elias sat motionless for some time, been making numerous appeals to the War l'epartment for the defense of his

A committee has been formed in Paris



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